

648 W. 2nd. Street
Lakeland, Florida
March, 9, 1942

Dear Mrs. Manley,

I received your letter and was indeed glad to hear from you. My wife and I are fine. We had a little baby girl that was born the same night Mary's grandmother died, and died three ^{later} weeks.

I am sorry to tell you that I can not play any more baseball for \$1.00. For four years I have play with your team and didn't ask for a raise and still you didn't mention one. Although there were two or three pitchers on the team getting more than I. I think I pitched as good as them, not only pitched but played out field. So I think I deserve more than that.

This year food and every expense
you can think of is higher and than two
I have the expenses of a home now,
so you see I have to have a job
suitable to take care of my expenses.
As bad as I needed money those last three
months I wouldn't ask for it because
I figured I wasn't going to play
any baseball. So I am returning
your contracts. I have a chance
to get a good job as the recreation
director, so if I don't hear from you
noon I'll go on and take it. If you
change your mind about my salary I
want to borrow \$40 because I had
a job selling whiskey and the law got
me. I'm supposed to have the money
Saturday. If I don't get it I'll have
to stay down here and work it out.

Very respectfully yours, James Hall